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AURORA, MO., FELON INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Aurora, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Shannon D. Maloney, 40, of Aurora, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Maloney** was in possession of an Ithaca 20-gauge shotgun with ammunition on Jan. 16, 2004, in Barry County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maloney** has two 1990 criminal felony convictions for assault and armed criminal action.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Barry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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